Captive Power Plants

2. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Petroleum Limited proposes to instal few captive power plants in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is installing a 30 MW Captive Power Plant at their refinery in Bombay at an estimated cost of Rs. 43.61 crores. This will consist of two 15 MW gas turbine sets along with two 60 tonnes per hour waste heat boilers.

Setting up of modern cement plants

3. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cement Corporation of India propose to set up a few modern cement plants during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Cement Corporation of India Limited is in the process of setting up 3 one million tonne modern cement plants at Tandur, Andhra Pradesh, Nayanago Expansion Project at Nayagaon, Madhya Pradesh and Yerraguntla Expansion Project at Yerraguntla, Andhra Pradesh. Of these 3 projects, the Tandur Project is likely to be commissioned during the current financial year (1986-87).

Surface mail delivery system

4. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deterioration in the surface mail delivery system, and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No deterioration in the surface mail delivery system has come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Distribution of Soda Ash by M/s. Tata Chemicals

5. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Tata Chemicals announced the adoption of 1983-84 as the base year for purposes of distribution of soda ash for the year 1984-85;

(b) whether Government have checked up that the company has followed the dril adopted by them for distribution of soda ash in 1984-85;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the consumers have complained to Government that the company as denied supplies or curtailed supplies of soda ash to eligible clients;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the All India Silicate Manufacturers' Association has pointed out some cases of gross favouritism shown by M/s. Tata Chemicals Limited in allotting Soda Ash;

(e) if so, what are the details of the complaints received; and

(f) what action Government have taken on those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has issued guidelines on distribution of soda ash in July, 1985 and had been monitoring supply of soda ash according to these only.

(c) Some complaints were received by the Government.

(d) to (f) The All India Silicate Manufacturers' Association had informed the Government that M/s. Tata Chemicals had shown favouritism in allotting soda ash. According to the concerned company, however, the discrepancies pointed out related to the periods prior to the issuance of guidelines, by the Government, for the supply of soda ash. This position was made known to the said Association.

Out-of-turn allotment of telephone connections

6. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 2nd April, 1986 to the effect that about 1900 letters have been sent by Members of Parliment for the sanction of out-of-turn telephone connections on priority basis in the year 1985-86 and out of which only 157 connections have been sanctioned by Government so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not granting telephone connections to the rest of the subscribers whose cases have been recommended by Members of Parliament; and

(c) by when the rest of the connections are proposed to be released, areawise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reason is constraints on availability of exchange capacity.

(c) The rest of the connections will be provided when their turn in the waiting list of the concerned telephone exchange matures.

Releasing new telephone connections

7. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections in the general category which are likely to be released during the year 1986 from Janpath and Rajpath Telephone Exchanges; and

(b) by when these connections are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) New telephone connections are not expected to be released in 'General' category in Janpath and Rajpath telephone exchanges in Delhi in 1986.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Production of Chloroquin Tablets

8. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies who are producing Chloroquin tablets, an anti-malarial drug;

(b) what is the licenced capacity of each and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what was the shortfall between the production and requirement year-wise; and

(d) what was the quantity of this drug imported during the last three years, year-wise?